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#### A Brighter Community 's Helping Hands

Every now and then our classrooms run a little short on supplies & donations are always appreciated.

Below are a few items that are always needed in the classroom.

- Volunteers
- Carpet Cleaner
- Nesting Dolls
- Crayons
- Pre-K Puzzles
- Construction Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Pre-K Writing Paper

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## The Top 10 Ways Not to Greet Your Child

How do you like to be greeted? Doesn't it make you feel good and secure when someone gives you their full attention and an enthusiastic greeting? Well think about how your children feel when they see you in the morning, after school, or when you pick them up from an activity. At these times, loving communication is key.

So, here are the top 10 ways *not* to greet your child:

- You're on the phone
- You're texting
- You're on your computer
- You're checking your calendar
- Asking what homework they have
- Correcting them as soon as you see them
- Bringing up something they recently did wrong
- Not making eye contact with them
- Not smiling at them
- Letting your bad mood make you grouchy with them

## Start Your Afternoon on the Right Foot

The world can be a tough place full of bullies, difficult math tests and scraped knees. Give your kids a soft place to land in the afternoon by greet them with a smile and some occasional fun.

1. Prepare yourself mentally to pick them up. Clear your mind of work and other things so that you can truly focus on your kids and their needs.
2. Turn off the radio in the car so you can have a real conversation about how their day went.
3. Resist the urge to demand a grade report from the minute they walk-in or get in the car. This sends the message that they are their performance. Asking about other aspects of their day says, "you matter most."
4. Don't forget to give bear hugs to each and every child, even the ones who make funny faces and pretend to hate it are getting their "love tank" filled with that squeeze.
5. Every now and then take the long way home.

## READ A BOOK. GIVE A BOOK.

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## Calendar of Events

04/03—Happy B-Day Divonna

04/18—Tuition Due

04/25—Easter

04/04—Tuition Due

04/18—Happy B-Day Robert

04/25—Tuition Due

04/11—Tuition Due

04/19—Passover

04/25—1st Day of Pre-K Summer Enrichment Program

04/15—Happy B-Day Yasser

04/21—ABC's VPK Graduation, 9AM

04/25-29—Hillsborough County School's Spring Break

04/15—Happy B-Day Devin

04/21—Last Day of VPK

04/27—Happy B-Day Rikya

04/15—Developmental Screening

04/22—Earth Day

New Beginnings Christian Church

04/22—Good Friday

8:30 AM-11:30AM

04/22—ABC CLOSED

## Congratulations VPK Grads

- Paris
- Savion
- Tysin
- Mathew
- Cam'Ron
- Luis
- Domenyk
- Makyla
- Miles
- Dazaiya
- Akiana
- Yaseen
- Divonna
- Robert
- Kenyan
- Saniya
- Sophonie
- Malik
- Briana
- Diego
- Marquis
- Desi
- Aubreana
- Chenae
- Malachi
- Teiona
- Jasmyn



### COMMUNITY PARTNER CORNER

THANK YOU TO JULIE WITH THE GUTTER DOCTOR FOR OUR BRAND NEW GUTTERS!